

✓ Please additionally cancel claims 57-63 and claim 65<sup>5/24/02</sup> without prejudice, as discussed. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a continuation application at a later date.

In addition, please accept the resubmission of a signed copy of Response C, attached hereto with this Supplement to Response C.

Remarks

Applicants express appreciation for the courtesy extended in a telephone message from Examiner Wells on November 12, and follow-up conversation on November 13, 2002.

Therefore, pursuant to the telephone message and follow-up conversation, claims 57-62 and 65 are herein canceled without prejudice, and a signed copy of Response C is submitted and attached hereto. The amendments are designed to correct the inadvertent submission of an unsigned copy of Response C, filed October 8, 2002, and to additionally cancel claims 57-63 and claim 65, which were identified in the personal interview of September 25, 2002 as appropriate for pursuit in a continuation application, but which were inadvertently left pending in the application in Response C.

For the foregoing reasons, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the claims and issuance of a notice of allowance are therefore respectfully requested.